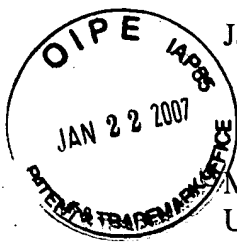


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Dear Ms. Bertagna:

This is in response to your 12/20/2006 letter. Please find attached the following requested documents:

- 1) The corrected abstract
- 2) The amended claims; the portions that were added for clarification are underlined.

Please call me if you have questions. Thank you for your consideration.

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